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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the present Application. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended, and Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled, leaving Claims 1-6 and 9-10 for further consideration in the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and allowance of which are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC §102(b)

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication Number US 2002/0060526 A1 to Timmermans (hereinafter "Timmermans"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose each and every element of the claim. *Lewmar Marine v. Variant Inc.*, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766 (Fed. Cir. 1987).


As acknowledged by the Examiner, the prior art fails to teach a varistor positioned in parallel with the at least one serial string of LEDs as claimed by Applicants. Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

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It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

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